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& Slow throughout the afternoon following the most lakes of water to the Northward ice bergs very thick 10 PM heavy rain saw a Polar Bear turned ship to S.E after him when getting near he took to the water after several shots killed him stopped & lowered a boat towed him alongside & hoisted him on board two Esquimas was set at work to skin him Midnight thick fog going slow

Thursday July 19th A.M. begins moderate, breeze from S.E with rain & thick fog 5 A.M. fog clearing up no water to be seen to the Northward hauled ship back to S.E towards some lakes of water thinking to get around the ice in that direction - Ship steaming full speed - clear - saw the land - noon fine no water to be seen along the coast. Lat. by Meridian Altitude 75° 30' N 3 PM stopped the Ship by the edge of ice off some Islands in Melville bay in Lat 75° 42' N Long 61° 50' W 7 PM saw no chance to get to Cape York in Shore turned ship & went full speed to the Southward to try to get around to the westward - Midnight Calm & clear Sky a little young ice making in the Lakes of water Ship making good way through loose ice to the Westward

Friday July 2d At M begins Calm & clear Ship Steaming full Speed arround large sheets of ice in a westerly direction 2 A M Shot a Polar Bear after chasing him some time 3 A M Do Wm ice close but Ship makeing good way to the westward two Men belonging to the expedition busy Skinning the Bear 8 A M ice in very heavy sheets to the westward turned Ship to the southward towards some loose ice Noon got in a smoother water which trimmed arround to N W going full Speed Lat Obs 75 7 N 2 P M turned after a Polar Bear Shot him after a long chase hoisted him onboard & went full Speed on her course 7 P M Cape York S E about 15 Miles light breze from S S E with light Misty rain 8 30 P M Shot a dog hood Seal on the ice hoisted it onboard & Skinned it Midnight Calm & clear but very thick to the Southward going full Speed along the Coast very little ice close in great deal to the westward

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Saturday July 21st A M begins calm & fine 1 30 A M passed Cincle Rock, & Cape Dudley Diggs about a Mile off passing through loose ice towards Carry Islands as we where going to visit the Eastern one of the group 7 A M off Cape Athol Thick black Fog to the Northward close down to the water but clear along the coast to the Eastward 8 A M Thick Fog all arround Nice in Berry large sheets but not heavy 10 fog cleared off no chance of getting north on the course steering as it was all one sheet between the Ship & the Islands turned Ship to S W in some veins of water to get arround to the westward Strong wind from W S W Noon Lakes of water trimming north followed arround the Sheets S E Carry Islands bore N E 3 P M hove too off the Island in open water Boys Berry Thick landed on the Island to examine Stores Landed Tue by the English Expedition in 1875-6 P M boat returned reported the boat left there in good condition but a great deal of the Stores Spoiled 6 30 turned Ship Northwards going full Speed for Pandora Harbour 11 P M passed Hacklet Island Midnight light breeze from S W and fine but heazy on the land

Sunday July 22nd It begins calm & fine going full
Speed to the Northward in open water 5 A.M.
close by Cape Alexander stopped the engines
a short time for some little repairs when
finished started again for Pandora Harbour
7 Steamed in the Harbour Expedition party
went onshore to see for Record left by the
S.S. Neptune in 1882 but failed to find anny
& At 8 boat returned Steamed on for Lettleton
Island Stopped there a little while but
did not Land Started full Speed to the
Northward noon Made ice to the north
Steamed to the edge not a break to be
seen to the Northward Steamed to the
West by the edge still all Solid north
turned Ship towards Cape Sabine 3 30 P.M. A
Garlington went to the Cape to look after
after a debot of provisions left last year
by the S.S. Neptune I came onboard
& reported open water to the Northward
had some conversation with him as to
going out in the Ship 7 30 hove up -
Anchor and proceeded full Speed towards
the Cape saw a little water across towards
Cape Albert and by hard Steaming and buttoning
sheets to the North ~~ground that forward~~
Midnight water closing up Still Steaming
North Toward Cape Albert Calm & fine

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Monday July 23 begins Calm & fine 2 A M buttys
for open water off Cape Albert but could
not succeed turned ship in an easterly direction
to try to get around got within about 100 fms
of the water when the ship got nipped
& could not move off Cape albert 5 A M ship
loose steamed South about 5 miles when we where
stopped no water to be seen south put back
to the open water South towards Cape Sabine
7 A M lay up in a small lake of water & Hard
South again at times verry difficult to
get the ship through as the ice was very
close & heavy Noon Do Wx 3 P M close by the
main water in the Sounds when two heavy
shuts caught the ship lifting at arround
her carrying Starboard main rail Bulwark
Stanchions and every thing before it ordered
boats & provisions to be put on the ice
which was Still lifting 4 30 ice Stove in
the Starboard side abreast of boiler 6 30
P M filled to the decks with water 7 30
ice opened & the Ship sank Cape Sabine
S S E about 10 Miles held a consultation with
Lieutenant Garlington & Colwell regarding getting
provisions &c landed Midnight Started
one boat being successfull in landing our
load a little to the west of Cape Sabine

Tuesday July 24th A M begins light breeze from the westward & fine P.M. ice drifting out around Cape Sabine Every fast all hands employd with fine boats landing provisions off the ice 8 30 A M all hands left the floe & landed close to Payer Harbour where most of the provisions & Clothing where landed 2 P M boiled some tea & had dinner the rest of the afternoon employed putting up Stores & collecting them together P.M. South with thick fog a little ice passing down the Sound Midnight Strong breeze with thick fog

Wednesday July 25th A M begins as yesterday 5 A M had breakfast & got boats all ready for starting South but weather too thick to leave Noon a little rain falling covered up the provisions with Canvass that was saved from the wreck a little drift ice in the Sound Wind Still from S W 4 45 P M fog Cleared off & moderate Started in the boats Steady breeze from the Northward 10 P M thick fog passed some heavy floes of ice 11 45 Made Littleton Islands waited for the other boats Midnight brisk breeze from N E with thick fog on the Land

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Thursday July 26th A M begins as yesterday 1 A M saw other two boats 3 45 arrived at Pandora harbour unloaded the boats & put provns under Cover a little snow falling 6 A M rain & rain holding up Cloudy Sky 10 thick fog 11 had breakfast allowanced to 2 meals per day whilst laying up sent out hunting parts 6 P M returning shot 2 hares & several ducks & 30 P M Lieutenants Garlingtons boats arrived 10 P M had dinner light breeze from N.E with thick fog Midnight heavy rain all hands stowed away under Canvass waiting the arrival of of the S S Santee

Friday July 27th A.M. begins light breeze from the Southward with rain 4 A M Rain held up 10 had breakfast fine picked 2 bags of bread that got wet in the boats sent boat away shooting 3 P M boat returned bringing about 3 Cwt whale fat off a whale was picked up on the beach this proved very useful for fuel. 4 had dinner intending to start South but being foggy outside the Harbour remained Men went shooting shot 3 hares & several ducks & other game Midnight had stew for Supper Calm & fine all hands lay down to rest

Saturday July 28th Begins Calm & fine 3 AM Launched boats to load 5- 15 Started bound South with all the boats 7 AM passed Cape Alexander mid ships & very equally off the Cape some of the boats having to reef the american wheel boats shipped a great deal of water waited for them under Sutherland Island mid moderated proceeded along the Coast now calm with thick fog. 3 PM landed and hauled the boats up to take a rest a little South of Cape Samaroa cooked dinner 5-30 light breze from the southward & fine saw 2 hares but did not shoot them Midnight light breze from the Eastward all hands lay down

Sunday July 29th AM begins light breze & fine 3 AM Called all hands to Launch & load the boats 6 all ready had breakfast 6 45- Started calm & fine all the boats in company but — Lieutenant Garlington have my Batsman to handle his boat as he said he — had not a man that knew anything about a boat & PM landed on the S E Side of Cumberland Island discharged the boats & hauled them on the beach cooked & had Supper all hands lay down to rest as well as we could under the circumstances Midnight light breze from the South & fine

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Monday July 30th begins Strong breeze from the Southward & fine too much wind to leave 10 A M had breakfast sent away hunting parties 2 P M returned bringing 5 Antelope hares & other game noon wind moderating 4 P M dined on Excellent hare Stew 6 P M launched the boats & put provisions onboard then 7 P M started for Cape Parry calm & fine & light breze from the Westward rowing & sailing 10 P M Calm Midnight &c

Tuesday July 31st Begins as yesterday Rowing towards Cape Parry 3 A M landed in a cove about 3 miles North of the Cape discharged the boats & hawled them on the beach cooked & had Supper light Cable winds Sky looking for dirty weather 4 A M wind freshening & Strong gale from the Southward Soon heavy rain turned the boats bottom up to make Shelter all hands stowed away under them as well as we could Midnight gale increasing with thick Snow heavy Sea heaving on the beach turned all hands up to hawl the boats farther on the beach & also to ship provisions

Wednesday August 1st Begins Strong Gale from the South with thick Snow & Berry Cold 3 ℄ M Snow abating boiled the kettle & had some tea 8 wind & Sea abating & weather clearing off to boil the kettle & had Coffee Noon Moderate put wet clothing to dry 5 P M had preserved Meat Soup for dinner 6 light breze from S W with thick fog fixed the boats for Sleeping under ℔ 30 Misty Fair Midnight light breze from the Southward with thick fog

Thursday August 2nd Begins Calm with thick fog 6 fog clearing off called all hands & had breakfast launched the boats & put provisions &c in them ℔ 30 ℄ M Started South Noon light breze & join all the boats in Company 3 P M passing thro't Scattered ice 6 P M Calm Still going among Scattered ice to Stopped & hawled up the boats on the South end of Sanders Island brisk breze from S E with thick fog Shot a great many Auks from a Berry large Looney all hands had Supper Covered up Stones & Spread boats Sails for Shelter from the cold for the night Midnight Calm with thick fog all hands lay down to Sleep

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Friday August 3 Begins calm with thick fog a great deal of scattered ice about 8 A M too thick to start had breakfast light breeze from S W 10 still thick sent a boat to the Looneery to shoot birds Noon still very thick Shooting party returned brought as manny birds as was wanted weather still very thick 3 P M had dinner off bird stew which was proclaimed excellent still no time to start as the ice was very thick drifting about across the bay 8 P M. 10 boiled some tea in travels about the Island found traces of Esquimaux seemed to be an Esquimaux village at one time & was visited by some this season seal carcases & birds that was killed this also saw one Esquimaux dog with one leg tied up midnight calm & fog

Saturday August 4th Begins Calm with thick fog 3 A M fog clearing off called all hands launched the boats & put provisions &c. on board & had breakfast 7 started Southward & light breeze from S & set Sail 11 30 M passed Cape Atholl Noon ice very thick 1 P M stopped & hawled up the boats in a cove about 3 Miles South of the Cape ice very thick & fog settleing down Just not prudent to proceed farther 5 P M fresh breeze from the Northward & thick fog had dinner of bird stew 2 Men went over the Mountains hunting saw several hares & one Deer also sighn of Musk ox but captured non Midnight tide rose very thick had to put boats higher on the beach light breeze from the Southward with thick fog

Sunday August 5th Begins light Southerly winds with thick fog 8 A M do weather to hazy breakfast Noon clearing off a little not clear enough to launch Noon Do 8 P M 8 30 Sudden Squale from the Eastward with threatning Snow put up tents with boats Sails to be as Comfortable as Circumstances would admit 10 P M thick Snow Midnight Strong breeze from N E with heavy Rain

Monday August 6th Begins Strong breeze from N E — with heavy Rain 4 A M Rain holding up and wind Moderating fog laying very thick on the land 5 clearing off called all hands to get ready to start Cooked breakfast 6 30 wind Moderate with thick misty Rain too thick to Start 7 30 Calm with heavy Rain & thick wet Snow Noon Do M. Crew Stowing away under Shelter of Rocks & Canvas as well as we could but of the Crew without oil Skins 9 P M heavy Rain & Continues till Midnight

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Tuesday August 7th Begins light breeze from ESE
with heavy rain 7 AM Rain holding
up & sky clearing away 10 had breakfast
11 launched put on board provision & ex
noon started south a great deal of scattered
ice along the coast noon light breeze fm
SSW & fine 7 PM ice Jammed had to
haul the boats on a floe for safety
8 ice slacking launched again and
proceeded ice very thick Men on the
floes pushing it open for the boats to pass
8.45 landed on Cornwall Rock went on the
hill with telescope examining the state
of the ice to the southward observed
large tracts of water started rowing through
loose ice Calm ice closing on times that
it was necessary to put the men out to
part & make a passage for the boats and
continued this work till Midnight

Wednesday August 8 Begins Calm & fine working through
the ice as yesterday 4 AM 4 PM put in a cove
about 10 miles North of Cape York hauled up the
boats cooked & had breakfast & lay down to rest
11 AM had something to eat launched the boats and
put stores on board then Noon brisk breeze from ESE
& fine ice clearing off the shore 1 45 PM started
for Cape York 3 PM wind moderate ice running on the
shore which compelled to retreat to a good hauling pla
3 30 PM hauled the boats on the beach ice packed
to the shore sent 2 guns away to shoot birds for dinner
shortly after leaving returned with a good supply 6 PM had
dinner ice still close in made the best of the night calm &
fine 10 PM turned in for a few hours rest for midnight for clearing off ice still close to the shore
a great deal of water about 2 AM to 6 midnight fine

Thursday August 9th Begins Calm & clear ice closely packed
to the Shore 8 A M had some breakfast and
10 Started a boat away with 5 men to buy to get
to Cape York also to find out weather the
Swedish Steamer Sophia was there or not
also to get a discription of the ice across
Melville Bay / 8 A M thick Fleet known & clear
off a little light breeze from N E & ice still
jamed to the Shore had dinner 1 P M
Stow ice clearing out of the cove but close
to the South point Midnight brisk
breeze from N E with heavy Rain ice
still passing

Friday August 10th begins brisk breeze
from the S E with rain 1, 45
A M ice clearing off from the
point launched the boats
and started for cape York
3, 45 P M strong breeze and very thick
put into a cove & took breakfast
and wait to see how the weather
would turn out. Saw one
Rain deer & and several foxes.
6 started again strong breeze to
row against. 9 heard a gun fire
on shore proved to be from the
boats crew that started
yesterday on landing found
two families of Esquimaux
which was very kind & started again